

It is ridiculous to expect forced digital copy protection to stop piracy; anyone with some technical background and determination could defeat it and then distribute the supposedly protected copies in near-perfect form on CDs or other file formats. However, the practical effect would be to prohibit the legal expression of fair-use copying and file-sharing by normal consumers. I believe that the real purpose of this provision is designed to eliminate the legal, fair-use copy provisions by US consumers in the same manner that the recording industry-sponsored DCMA is attempting to do: making it illegal to even attempt to practice fair-use copying. This attempted use of a broadcast flag will pervert the free use of public airwaves to benefit corporate special interests. Broadcast media use public spectra to provide content; users should be free to use that content as they see fit within the confines of legal and Supreme Court sanctioned fair-use doctrine.